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Gordon Skelton, 10 year old son of Alan Skelton, president-elect of the Mississippi Library Association, displayed his vast rock and gem collection at the Vicksburg Public Library during National Library Week. This bright fifth grader also makes jewelry which he sells to his class mates at Hall's Ferry School. For more about National Library Week see pages 46-48.

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## It's News To Me-

Mrs. Janis Reece, Corinth Librarian on the staff of the Northeast Regional Library, has resigned as of June 1st and Mrs. Halirete Godwin has accepted the position. Mrs. Godwin has served as librarian of the Junior High School library in Corinth for the past three years; she has a B. S. degree, is working on her Masters degree in library science, and has taught in the public schools of Corinth for a number of years.

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After 20 years of service, Ruby Cox of the Lee County Library retired in April. Beginning during the early days of the library, Miss Cox has seen it grow from a few shelves of light fiction, during WPA days, to a regional library when service was extended to Itawamba County by contract in 1957.

Mrs. Rosemary Comer resigned to welcome "baby Comer" sometime during the summer.

New staff members at Lee County Library are: Mrs. Martha Means, a native of Tupelo, well known in literary, business and religious activities, who has held executive positions with several business firms; and Joyce Rooker, a Tupelo High School graduate, who has served as student library assistant for 6 years through Junior High and High School.

Mrs. M. L. Ming has been appointed librarian at the Shelby Public Library following the resignation of Mrs. Maxie Bruce.

Mrs. B. R. Carpenter has been added to the staff of the Cleveland Public library. Kenneth Floyd, DSC student, who works part time on the Cleveland staff will be replaced by Jimmy Outzs for the summer.

MRS. A. D. HENDON has replaced

MRS. CARRIE RIDDLE who has retired as librarian at Long Beach Public Library. Mrs. Hendon has been a member of and chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years. Long Beach Public Library was formerly a subscription Library and through the efforts of its present board has become a public library supported by the City of Long Beach and Harrison County Board of Supervisors with donations from the Chamber of Commerce.

Carolyn Mounce of Ecru, will join the staff of Guyton Library at Blue Mountain College after her graduation in June. An English major, Miss Mounce has been a student assistant for three and one half years, and plans to continue study of library science.

Mrs. C. C. Barefoot is librarian of the new High School being completed at Poplarville, High School work will be discontinued at Pearl River Junior College after this session.

Eleanor Harkins, librarian of Delta State College Library, furnished the program for the March meeting of the Bolivar Troop Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy by reviewing "The Infernal War," a collection of letters by Sgt. Edwin H. Fay to his wife during the War between the States; edited by Irvin Wiley.

Mrs. Edward Lloyd, librarian of Wood Junior College, is sponsor of the newly installed chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, at Wood Junior College, Mathiston. James Sims, freshman library assistant from Pittsboro has been elected president, Elizabeth Watkins of Cedar Bluff, treasurer. Other student assistants elected to membership were: Mary Vickers and Norma Shumpert of Shannon.

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#### Nine New Libraries Dedicated in State

The Mississippi Library Commission this year has participated in the opening of nine new libraries, the renovation of two additional libraries, and the dedication of a new library building. Within the next month four additional libraries will open for the first time.

New public libraries have been opened in Artesia, Sledge, Flora, Raleigh, Caledonia, Potts Camp, Houlka and two Negro branches of the Rolling Fork Library have opened at the Sharkey Training School, Anguilla; and the Henry Weathers Attendance Center, Rolling Fork.

Before the end of the month additional libraries will be opened in Arcola, and Hollandale and a Negro branch library will be opened in Woodville.

Lexington held dedication ceremonies in early 1960 for a beautiful new library building. Open house was held for completely renovated libraries in Marks and Drew.

A more detailed story about library development will appear in the September issue.

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Nannie Rice, Honorary Life Member and past president of MLA, enjoys hearing from her friends as she recuperates from a stroke suffered several months ago. Her home is at Meadow Woods, R.F.D., Starkville, Miss.

#### Wilson Bulletin Tells Of Houlka Library

The purpose of the Library Services Act is to bring library service to rural people. As a result of this Act, Houlka,

## MLC

Miss, recently dedicated its new library. Cars brought people in from fifty miles away and beyond. In the colorful little room just a few feet from Main Street, in a building that had once been the mayor's office ("I got kicked out of my office to make room for the library," the mayor gleefully told the visitors), signs greeted the citizens. One announced: "Here is Democracy in Action, Government of Town, State, Nation, Plus the People's Work, Cooperation, and Contributions have made this Library possible." And in another corner: "This library is operated by volunteers who will donate their time that this area may have library service." Probably the most meaningful of all was: "Books and Equipment from the Mississippi Library Commission via the Library Services Act." But for that, and the fact that Houlka will receive help and materials from a larger unit, the mayor probably would never have moved out of his office.

The above article was found in the April, 1960 issue of Wilson Library Bulletin, page 616.

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## **Reading Habits Of State Leaders**

by PHIL STROUPE State Times Staff Writer

Library Week is a good time to explore some of the reading habits of Mississippi legislators.

Miss Mary Love, Miss Martha Couty, Mrs. Lura Currier and Mrs. C. C. Clark of the State Library Commission have turned up a real Madison Avenue metropolitan type promotion and public relations gimmick to focus interest and attention of the April 4-9 special week.

The Library Commission selected a book for each member of the legislature and the Governor, placed it on their desks with a personalized note. "This book has been selected especially for you." The books are to be returned after reading.

The librarians used accurate methods to select books particularly suited to each member's genuine interests.

Examples of books sent to legislators help other Mississippians to know their public officials by their reading habits.

Capt. Tom Gibson of Coahoma county, 79-year-old, oldest member of the legislature, received a biography of Stonewall Jackson.

"They couldn't have given me anything I'd like better," Capt. Tom said. "I happened to be the commander of the Lamar Fontaine Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and I like to read about Stonewall Jackson."

To Gov. Ross Barnett came a book entitled "Candidates 1960," by the noted TV news commentator Eric Sevareid."

The Library Commission said they chose that book for the Governor "because of his position as leader of our state's delegation to the National Democratic Convention. We thought he might like to examine this much talked about series of sketches about the different candidates."

To Lt. Gov. Paul Johnson came a book entitled "The Political Man", by Seymour Martin Lipset, "because of his lifelong interest and association with men at work in the political process."

Rep. DeLoach Cope of Washington county got the one I'd like to borrow when he finishes it. It is entitled, "If Elected, I Promise," by John F. Parker.

"Being a newcomer to the legislature," explained librarians, "Mr. Cope will be sure to enjoy and appreciate these jokes, stories and gems of wisdom by and about politicians."

Rep. Doc Carruth of Pike county, a professional railroad man, drew "Treasury of Railroad Folklore."

Rep. George Rogers of Vicksburg, the Rhodes Scholar lawyer, got "The Law and the Profits," by Parkinston.

Sen. Earl Evans Jr., of Canton, the financial colossus of state government, received "State Income Differentials," by Frank A. Hannah because "Sen. Evans' deep concern for an authoritative knowledge of state finances prompted the selection of this book for him."

Rep. Wallace Allred of Covington county will be reading John Duff's "Lincoln: Prairie Lawyer" because of his research on Honest Abe.

Sen. W. B. Alexander of Cleveland's selection was extremely personal. The book entitled, "I, Priscilla," was written by Evelyn Allen Hammett, retired English teacher at Delta State College and Alexander's close friend.

Rep. Bob Anderson of Copiah county got "A Fireside Book Fishing." "The range of this book is as wide as an angler's arm span when he describes the one that got away." Good fishing, Bob.

Point of Order: Courtesy demands that I thank the Library Commission for my book, too. I did. I agree it's "The Wonderful World of Books."

#### **Picayune Conducts Many Activities for NLW**

Typical of the many activities in towns throughout Mississippi was the extensive celebration conducted in Picayune. Mrs. Allen C. Richard was chairman for National Library Week activities. Mrs. C. G. Gates is librarian.

Everyone from the florist shop which donated flowers for the library to the ministers who spoke on "Religious Reading Readiness" participated in making National Library Week a success.

The Picayune Item, Publisher, Chance Cole, editorialized, "I doubt if there is one person in Picayune who doesn't know that it's National Library Week."

Excellent radio response was obtained through a series of 15 minute morning programs, Monday through Friday, which included a short skit by members of the high school library club; taped one minute talks by the town's leading citizens on the importance of libraries in everyday life; a taped talk by J. Gregory Conway, noted floral arranger from California describing the four books he has authored on flower arrangements and horticulture; panel discussion by high school students on "What Teen-Agers Like to Read", and a discussion of the Classics in literature.

The theme of the 1960 National Library Week being, "Open Wonderful New Worlds" the women's clubs and garden clubs of Picayune, with Mrs. L. O. Crosby, Jr., as hostess, held "Aloha Day" at the Picayune Public Library. Books on Hawaii were featured. A highlight of the party was a display of native Hawaiian flowers flown to Picayune by air express from the Islands. A tropical fruit and flower arrangement, created by California florists, Gregory Conway was also displayed along with a tape recording by Conway on Hawaii and its flora. The ladies served Hawaiian punch. Mrs.

Crosby wore an authentic Hawaiian tourist costume. Later Mrs. D. C. Rudeen performed Hawaiian dances at the Teen Center.

The Future Homemakers of America in honor of NLW entertained members of the two women's clubs with an Alaskan-Hawaiian luncheon. The menu included Hawaiian fruit juice cocktail, Chicken Momi (Hawaiian); Broiled bananas, Blueberry Buckle (Alaskan), Ice Cream Coconut Balls and coffee.

The Picayune Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a coffee party for businessmen at the library. The Jaycettes, the woman's auxiliary served refreshments and Picayune florists supplied flowers. Books on industry, forestry and business were displayed for the callers.

John F. Nau, PH.D., history professor of Mississippi Southern College, in celebration of NLW, spoke to the Methodist Men's Club and their guests on Missisippi history. He stressed the importance of books and reading. "We can read in any field and absorb a great deal of information which brings to the individual a great amount of satisfaction," he said.

A Picayune High School speech class presented a NLW program to the Rotary Club. The best five readers from each first grade class made field trips to the public library. Seventh graders constructed and assembled posters on "How to Use Libraries Wisely" which were displayed in downtown stores. The PTA participated in a program emphasizing reading on all levels.

Seven churches observed "Religious Library Sunday." Pastors talked on family life education and emphasized the need for Christian reading in the home. Religious books were displayed. Several ministers reviewed books.

Books from the Garden Shelf of the Picayune Public Library were display-(Continued on Page 48)

## National Library Week Is Successful

Library circulation and registration as well as civic support of libraries have increased throughout the state following the third annual National Library Week, April 3-9.

Purser Hewitt, Jackson, chairman of the Mississippi Committee for National Library Week said Mississippians supported the endeavor with greater enthusiasm than ever before.

In many towns, civic clubs, church groups and schools took an active part in promoting more reading for a better life.

Business men and women attended coffees at the public libraries, heard talks at civic clubs and answered surveys on "what books would you like to see in our library." Open house sponsored by civic clubs was held at many libraries.

Two branch libraries, one at Anguilla, and one at Rolling Fork, were opened for the first time.

#### PICAYUNE CONDUCTS ACTIVITIES

(Continued from Page 47) ed at the meeting of the Pearl River Garden Club.

C. H. Cole, editor and publisher of the Picayune Item presented a year's subscription to Ray G. Talcott when he became the 7550th borrower at the Picayune public library since January

The drafting and industrial art classes of Picayune High School cut out letters reading "National Library Week" which were impaled on the library lawn. The letters were made from wood which is one of the prime products of the area and painted with a locally produced paint.

These are the activities of one small town in Mississippi. Multiplied by all the towns, National Library Week can become an outstanding event in the lives of all Mississippians. "Get Ahead Books.. displayed in an industry attracted workers. Several banks enclosed bookmarks in their monthly statements.

Thirty-four new members joined a Great Books Discussion Group.

Author Porter Conerly, formerly of Columbia, donated four of his recent books to the Columbia library. Three memorial book grants and a permanent rock exhibit were donated to libraries.

Throughout the state downtown merchants supported National Library Week with displays in their store windows.

Many libraries collected no fines for overdue books during National Library Week.

Newspapers, radio and television stations throughout Mississippi gave complete support to publicizing National Library Week.

Several newspapers carried free advertisements calling attention to National Library Week, "no fine week", and new reading at the public library. Some of these ads, paid for by local merchants and banks, encouraged citizens to visit their library during National Library Week.

In the first twenty-one reports compiled following the special event results show that National Library Week created more awareness of the place of libraries in the fields of education and recreation.

The towns who reported NLW activities included: Picayune, Shuqualak, Aberdeen, Macon, Port Gibson, Brookhaven, Canton, Pasagoula, Brooksville, Tylertown, Houston, Columbia, Natchez, Rolling Fork, Grenada, Vicksburg, Capital Area: Morton, Mendenhall, Sandhill; Northeast Region; Mid-Mississippi Region: Louisville, Kosciusko; Pine Forest Region; Meridian, Philadelphia, Clarksdale, Biloxi, Greenwood, Newton, Lexington, Gloster, Jackson, Bolivar County, McComb.

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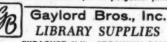
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Bordon Deal, speaker at the Natchez convention of MLA, has a new novel completed. Titled, DRAGON'S WINE it will be released this September by Scribners. His wife, Betty, will have her first novel, ACRES OF AFTERNOON, released as a Bantam paperback this month.

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## The President's Page

#### **Executive Board Meets**

by Mary Jo Magee

Your Executive Board and Advisory Council met for the first time in Jackson, March 12, to make plans for the year. This meeting was scheduled for much earlier, but the snow delayed our getting together sooner. Those present felt that the meeting of the two groups together once a year was very worthwhile.

On April 23, the Executive Board met with the local convention committee in Biloxi to make plans for the convention October 27-29. We believe that the program chairman has arranged a very interesting program, and one that you will enjoy. Won't you begin making your plans now to attend.

At the present time we have over five hundred members. Our goal for the year is set for at least seven hundred. The potentials of our Association



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are many. We hope that all the members will become active participants in making a better Association. Serving as your president thus far has been not only challenging but rewarding Your cooperation and support has certainly been appreciated.

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## MLA's First Half Century

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With the continuing theme, "Our libraries Serve the Precious Liberties of Our Nation". President Anona Jenkins opened the 1953 annual meeting at Biloxi's Buena Vista Hotel with 155 delegates registered. Mrs. Lura Currier introduced the speakers for the first session: Mrs. Helen Wessels. Editor of LJ: Mrs. Gretchen Schenk, author of "County and Regional Library Development": Annabelle Koonce. School Library Supervisor; Dr. Garland Taylor, Tulane University; Kathryn Hanley, Gulfport Veteran Administration Library.

Mrs. Wessels emphasized the great influence for good of the U.S. Information Libraries in foreign countries in spite of their handicaps, and urged librarians to resist censorship in book selection. The panel discussion that followed, stressed the essentials of effective library service.

Mark Ethridge, publisher of the Louisville Times and Courier-Journal, addressed the next general assembly on the thought provoking topic, "Of Whom Shall We Be Afraid — Of What?" He concluded that we must be strong in our faith in freedom if we are to lead the world as a bulwark against Communism.

At Saturday's business session, President Anona Jenkins was elected Representative on the ALA Council to succeed Anna Roberts, whose term had expired. Mrs. Lura Currier, Chairman of the Standards and Planning Committee, requested action on certification for librarians. Frances L. Moak of the University School of Nursing, discussed opportunities for nursing careers in the state.

Also discussed were some successful projects of the Association: increase of the Mississippi Library Commission appropriation from \$109,390 in 1950-52, to a record high of \$204,800 in 1952-54; legislation to enable all county boards to levy one mill tax for library support, and those having assessed valuation of \$10,000.00 to make a two mill levy; legislation authorizing the appointment of one trustee from each county participating in a regional library, provided there are more than five counties in a region.

New officers elected were: President, Manie Berry, Director of Capital Area Regional Library; Vice-President, Mary Joan Finger, Clarksdale; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Claudia Landrum, Clinton.

Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth, vice-president of CLM, presided at the annual luncheon. All assembled were convinced of Mississippi's superior people and natural resources by guest speaker, James Eaton, Gulfport attorney, who pointed out that expanded library facilities were needed to develop these resources, as he pursued the subject, "Mississippi, the Nation's No. 1 Econonomic Progress."

Mrs. Jean Poindexter Colby of Farrar, Straus and Young, spoke revealingly on how an editor selects childden's books to be published, at the last general session, which was followed by sectional discussion groups.

An unforgettable feature of the convention was the Book Dinner. Manie Berry presided. Elenora Gralow, Librarian of the Lincoln County Library, introduced new trustees and librarians in the state. Mrs. C. C. Jennings

of the Missisippi Library Commission Board, introduced the versatile author and lecturer, Mrs. Christine Govan of Lookout Mountain whose subject, "My Life in an Ivory Tower" soon had the large audience weeping and roaring with laughter as she described her difficulties in combining a writing career with that of a wife and mother. The convention closed on a hilarious note and librarians rushed home to buy Mrs. Govan's products.

#### 1954 MEETING

The Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, was the scene of the 1954 meeting of the MLA, Oct. 23-24, with Vice-President Mary Joan Finger presiding over the 189 members, guests and visitors preent for the opening.

"The Over All Picture of Adult Education in Libraries in the United States", was the keynote address by Mrs. Grace Stevenson, ALA Associate Executive Secretary, followed by a panel entitled: "Library Service to Adult Groups" led by Mr. E. J. Yerby, Extension Director at the University.

Mary Love presided during "Mississippi Author's Night" which featured a panel of Mississippi authors in person: Mrs. Katherine Bellaman, Mrs. Louise Eskrigge Crump, Mrs. Alice Walworth Graham, Pat Smith, Jefferson Young and Mrs. Anne C. Winston, who gave intriguing insights into an author's experiences, answered questions from the audience, and partcipated in the social hour that followed.

At the business session, Mrs. Lura Currier, Chairman, reported on the work of the Standards and Planning Committee who were establishing a yardstick by which libraries could measure themselves and strive toward definite goals.

Hallie Eggleston's report of the Awards Committee was made by Eleanor Harkins. Lifetime memberships in MLA were given to Elizabeth Robinson, first director of the Mississippi Library Commission and to Mrs. Eunice Eley, present director, who had



Mrs. Lura G. Currier

recently submitted her resignation.

Elizabeth Jones, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, presented the following proposed amendments which were passed by the Association: All standing committees to serve two years, their first year coinciding with the second year of the president, and their second year with the first year of the succeeding president; and at the discretion of the Executive Board, committee members may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in attending committee meetings.

By a unanimous vote Sybil Hanna was elected Secretary-treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Claudia Landrum.

A motion was passed to allow \$250 expense money for the President or other officer attending out-of-state professional meetings where the Association should be represented. An additional \$100 per year was set aside to

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pay the expenses of an ALA Council member attending ALA meetings.

Speaker for the luncheon meeting with President Manie Berry presiding, was Harry Clark, Executive Director. Northeast Mississippi Development Association. He described the role of libraries in aiding the community to bring industries to the people — by helping in surveys, supplying information services for businesses, and by providing recreational and educational facilities as a drawing card for any region.

Dr. Sykes Hartin discussed "20 Opportunities for Library Training in Mississippi" for the College Library Section. Mrs. Iola Magee, Monticello, epitomized the summer workshop held at Mississippi Southern and Mary Love reported on the ALA convention in Minneapolis for the School Library Section. Guest speaker, Evelyn Day Mullen of Montgomery, Ala., spoke on "The Relationship Between Public and School Libraries."

Willie Dee Robbins, Natchez, presided over the panel on "Cooperation Between Libraries and the Library Commission" for the Public Library Section. Participants were Elizabeth Jones, Grenada; Mrs. Kay Cooley, Library Commission; and Mrs. Ruby Hanks, Winn Parish, Louisiana. The discussion brought out that Missisisppi had shown great improvement in the extension work of its Commission.

The 1954 convention was notable because it marked the initial meeting of the Library Trustee Section, with Mrs. Percy Howard, Lake Cormorant, member of the Board of the First Regional Library, as Chairman. In her congratulatory remarks Mrs. Eley said that it had long been the desire of the Library Commission to have a trustee's organization where members could meet to exchange ideas and take a more active part in the state library program. Plans for a permanent organization got under way with Mrs. Meri-

lyn Moore, chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission, as consultant, and Mrs. Mary Henley, of the Biloxi Library Board, selected as the new Chairman.

At a special meeting of the Adult Education Committee, Jeanne Broach, Chairman of the American Heritage Project in the State, told of its great value and urged that some means be found to carry it on after the Foundation funds were withdrawn.

An event of the Book Dinner was the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Eunice Eley in the name of the Association by President Manie Berry in appreciation of her great contribution to library development in Mississippi during her years as Director of the Library Commission. Guest speaker was Mrs. Merilyn Moore, Little Rock, who had recently won an award from the ALA as Outstanding Trustee of the Year. Some to-be-remembered gems from her forceful speech were: "No growing things can remain static": "The only permanent thing is change"; "Trustees must enjoy their job"; "Never discount the power of your own ideas."

The Buena Vista Hotel, Biloxi, was the headquarters of the 1955 MLA Convention, Oct. 20-22. Mrs. Lura Currier of the Library Commission headed a pre-conference workshop with the theme: "Taking Stock: A Backward Look at the Mississippi Library Survey: A Forward Look at Minimum Standards."

At the first generel session on Thursday evening, George Thatcher of the Gulfport Library Board introduced Mrs. Kate McAlpin Crady, Mississippi poet, who read selections from her book "High Steppin" while dressed in authentic black-face costume. As an added attraction, Bud McNeill entertained the audience with two tap-dance numbers. After the Exhibitors were introduced by John Hall Jacobs, the six Gulf coast libraries held an open

house for everybody in the hotel parlors.

Manie Berry, President, opened the Friday morning business session by introducing Convention guests: Mrs. Gordon White, Mississippi Farm Bureau; William Carter, Mississippi Economic Council; Essie Mae Culver, Louisiana State Library; Mrs. Gretchen Schenk; Sylvia Golman, President Mississippi Library Assistants.

Mrs. Gertrude Rowzee, Chairman of the Awards Committee, presented Zaidee Nield with a life membership in MLA. The convention passed a resolution made by Anona Jenkins, for the MLA to apply for formal re-designation to ALA.

J. I. Rankin, Director of Division for the Blind, Dept. of Public Welfare of Mississippi, spoke on "Library Service to the Blind," giving definite procedures for securing free service from governmental sources. To illustrate his talk, Mrs. Gunnison, of Biloxi, demonstrated a talking book like these being supplied in Mississippi.

At the luncheon meeting, Mrs. Lura Currier introduced John Richards, President of ALA, who spoke on "Libraries in a Changing World."

The afternoon was reserved for a delightful boat ride arranged by Maria Person, or for exploring the Gulf Coast.

Mrs. Marguerite Henry. famous author and illustrator, furnished a treat for the Book Diners when she spoke on the subject, "My Philosophy of Writing." She said that the three needs that can be satisfied by writing are: the need for work, the need for a free spirit, and the need for love.

After Saturday's brief sectional meetings a panel discussion called 'The Outlook' was a summarization for the convention, with Margaret E. Peebles as moderator. Panelists were the various sectional speakers including: Mrs. Frances Cheney, College Section; Mrs. Henry, School Section; and John Richards, Trustee's Section. The conclusion

was that the present convention was worthwhile in a happy combination of recreation and knowledge. Richard's parting word was, "Always keep in mind the distance the library has gone when looking to the future for library progress."

Officers for 1956 were to be: Mary Love, President; Jeanne Broach, Vicepresident; Sybil Hanna, Secretary-treasurer.

"Books for People Without Books" was the appropriate theme of the 1956 convention which was held at the Edwards Hotel, Jackson, Oct. 25-27, 1956 with President Mary Love presiding over the 238 registrants.

Julia Bennett, ALA representative in Washington, D. C., who was instrumental in the passage of the Library Services Act, served as consultant for the pre-conference workshop for public librarians. Mrs. Lola L. Kell, Pascagoula was Chairman.

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The important topic under discussion was proposed ways of spending the sum of money available to the State through the Library Services Act. The first allocation to become available in 1957 and to continue through 1961. The Director of the Library Commission stated that these funds to be spent for rural library development only, would be more than three times the amount being spent currently.

Gordon Bryant, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State College, discussed the financial structure of Missisippi counties whose support would be basic for permanent library development.

Julia Bennett was also a featured speaker at a general session when her subject was, "My Day as Director of the American Library Association Washington Office."

An important decision at the business meeting was the raising of the annual membership dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00, Institutional dues to remain at \$2.50.

One hundred or more trustees attended their luncheon and meeting. Honorable Moran Pope, Mayor of Hattiesburg, spoke on the topic, "The Libraries' Role in the Community." Mrs. Mary Henley presided at the symposium that followed, called, "We Look at the Facts," "Let's Ask 'Em," "Let's Answer 'Em".

Speaker at the Book Dinner was the Honorable Frank Smith, U. S. Congressman from the Sixth District, who had worked for passage of the Library Service Act and also had won recognition for his book, "The Yazoo River."

Margarete Peebles, Chairman of the College Section, instituted the first College breakfast which included the business meeting, after which all sections were invited to hear Mrs. Sara Verner, University of Alabama, talk on "The Rare Book Room."

John Hall Jacobs, New Orleans Pub-

lic Library, led the panel discussion on Book Binding, at a general session.

Organization of the Special Libraries Section of the MLA was perfected during this convention, with Louise Williams of the Mississippi State Board of Health, elected to Chairmanship.

Dr. Sykes Hartin was congratulated upon receiving his doctorate from Michigan University and Alice Hamer was welcomed as the new State Supervisor for School Libraries.

Tradition of several decades was broken when Mississippi librarians convened at Clarksdale on Oct. 24-26, 1957 instead of at Jackson or Biloxi. The convention theme was, "A practical Application of Librarianship."

Mrs. Lura Currier presided over the pre-conference workshop for public libraries, and planning certification through an MLA committee.

At the business meeting new officers were named: President, Jeanne Broach, Meridian; Vice-president, Mrs. Mary Jo Magee, Mississippi Southern College; Secretary, Nellie Ford Smith, Clinton, Treasurer, Alan Skelton, Vicksburg; ALA Council Member, Mary Love, Jackson.

It was decided that applicants for the MLA scholarship fund established in 1955, must be junior or senior college students, or graduate students interest in studying library science.

Dr. Sykes Harkin asked the cooperation of librarians in the University's project of compiling a bibliography of books by and about Mississippians.

The Association requested the Standards and Planning Committee to work out a program for voluntary certification of librarians.

A convention highlight was the talk by Helen E. Loftus of Eli Lilly Company on "That Extra Touch" so important in library public relations.

"How We Develop the Kind of Libraries We Want", was the subject of the symposium that followed the delightful Trustee's luncheon at the Clarksdale Country Club. Participants were Elenora Gralow, Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb, Mrs. C. C. Jennings, Mrs. Iola Magee and R. T. Riser. Afterwards, the Trustees Section was officially organized with Dr. T. Russell Nunan as Chairman. 50 Trustees, 26 librarians and 8 citizens were present for this event.

Mrs. Josephine Alexander was Chairman of the School Library Section. Its features were a symposium on "What Is a Good School Library?", a workshop on Library Supplies and Equipment", and a luncheon meeting whose guest speaker, Helen Loftus, discussed "Automation — Present and Future."

Mrs. Norma F. Wall, Chairman, introduced the speaker for the College breakfast, Dr. Bruce Weirick, University of Illinois, who entertained the

group with anecdotes of Carl Sandburg and the Sandburg Library.

Dan Kelly, Greenwood Public Library Trustee, whose hat has become a famous symbol of the MLA scholarship fund, presided at the Book Dinner. Speakers were Mrs. Lura Currier, who gave a sparkling account of what should happen during the first National Library Week, and Dr. Bruce Weirick who illustrated American humor from Mark Twain to the present with clever readings.

The success of the Clarksdale meeting, replete with hospitality and enthusiasm, with cotton gins and square dancing, included for good measure, inspired the Association to have its next meeting in historic Natchez, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 1958, with headquarters at

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At the convention in Clarksdale, MLA president Mary Love chats with Dr. Bruce Weirick, banquet speaker on American humor, while Pat Holcomb and Dan Kelly look on.

the Eola Hotel.

An innovation was the open meeting of the Executive Board designed to give the membership more insight into the Association's business and problems.

President Jeanne Broach presided over Friday's business session when some important announcements were made. Dan Kelly, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced the name of the winner of the first Scholarship award, Linda Lancaster, of Mississippi Southern College, the realization of a long-range plan of the Association. Another encouraging report was made by Mrs. Dupre, Registration Chairman, who announced 193 delegates registered, followed by the Membership Chairman's report of 515 members listed, the largest number in the history of the Association.

A motion of the Awards Committee to grant certificates of life members-



Typical of the lovely antebellum homes seen in Natchez during the 1958 MLA convention is Stanton Hall.

hip in the Association to fourteen retiring librarians was carried. A brilliant Soiree was held later at the Fisk Public Library honoring eleven retiring librarians and two former Fisk Library Staff members: They were: Mrs. Kate Turner Barton, Ora Bizzell,

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An unusual occasion was the meeting of the Special Libraries Section of MLA with representatives from the Louisiana Chapter of Special Librarians for a panel discussion on "Cooperation Among Libraries of Different Types: College, Public, Special," with the result that everyone was convinced that cooperative effort strengthens the total outcome.

Speakers for the Convention were unusually stimulating. "The Younger Generation-Bewildered or Bewildering." by Jerome Cushman, Librarian, Salina, Kansas Public Library, pictured the youth of today "in conflict with society", as he stressed the importance of bringing young people and books together. Sallie Farrell, Field Representative, Louisiana State Library, addressed the Trustee's Section on "Persuasion for Profit", picturing the important part trustees play in community betterment through support of libraries. A literary treat was furnished at the Book Dinner, Borden Deal, Mississippi author, gave a moving account of "The Way of the Writer". Since the ambition to write came to him in his home town library at New Albany, Mississippi, his favorite people had always been librarians, his favorite places, libraries.

A visit to the stately Natchez pilgrimage homes put the finishing touch to a very inspirational convention.

The first fifty years of the MLA. 1909-1959, were fittingly commemorated by the Golden Anniversary Convention held at the Heidelberg Hotel in Jackson, Oct. 22-24, 1959. It was the forty-first meeting and the nineteenth to be held in the popular capital city.

Portraits of the first four officers to serve the Association: Whitman Davis. George T. Boyd, Mrs. L. M. Hunt. and Iva May Young appeared in tribute on the cover of the golden Convention programs. Following a buffet dinner, at the opening session called "After Fifty Years", President Jeanne Broach praised the founders and past leaders of the Association and read letters of memory and greeting from the only surviving first officer. Iva May Young of Bellows Falls, Vt. She then introduced members of 25 years standing or longer. Among whose affiliation began as early as 1935 were: Mesdames Eunice Eley, M. P. Derden, Martha Lagrone Lang. Frank Oswalt, Gertrude Rowzee; Misses Mary Agnes Anderson, Ruth Archer, Mena Blumenfeld, Lola Calhoun, Beulah Culbertson, Eleanor Harkins, Elizabeth Reynolds, Nannie Rice, Tillie Webb, Virginia C. Robinson, Anna Roberts, Elizabeth Robinson, Miss Culbertson was the only member present who had attended the MLA, re-organization meeting at West Point in 1916. Including Miss Culbertson, early members cited as still living in the state, all active before 1920, but now retired, were: Lucy Heard, West Point: Mrs. W. F. Marshall, Jackson; Nannie Rice, Starkville; and Mrs. Hoyland Lee Wilson, Pass Christian.

Appropriately, the historical theme was continued by the address that followed, entitled, "The Past Looks to the Future." The speaker, Dr. William D. McCain, president of Mississippi Southern College and past President of the Association, recalled humorous incidents of the past, described Mississippi library progress and presented a spirited challenge for the long road ahead.

The second general session was devoted to the important business of revising the Bylaws of the Constitution. President Jeanne Broach presided, while Miss Eleanor Drake, Chairman, presented the changes for adoption. A major change effected was that

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the officers of the Association would serve for a one year term, instead of two, as formerly. The main body of the Constitution as amended Oct. 26, 1956 remained unchanged.

Section speakers and their subjects were: for the Trustees, John Holland, "The Importance of a Growing Library in a Growing Community"; for the Colleges, a Round Table on Buildings, led by Charles Stone of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; for Public Libraries, a panel on "The Paperback in the Public Library", moderated by Eleanor Phinney from the ALA; for Special Libraries, Kenneth Cameron from Maxwell Field, "Photoduplication."

"The Library's Role in Education", was the subject of an important panel discussion with Eleanor Phiney as moderator.

An MLA convention would not be complete without a current author to enliven the banquet program. Zachary Ball, in reality, Kelly Ray Masters, related "Why I Write for Teen-Agers", with the underlying theory that this age of reader is a changing, challenging, little explored field for good character stories.

The historic fiftieth anniversary closed on a note of optimism for the future. The Association had been headed by fifteen different presidents and had enjoyed forty-one conventions

in twelve different cities: Jackson (19 times), Biloxi (7), Columbus (3), Meridian (3), Hattiesburg (2), Houston, West Point, Oxford, Vicksburg, Greenville Clarksdale and Natchez (1 each). And here tribute should be paid to all the unsung members of the "Committees on Local Arrangements" that have made every meeting run smoothly. Their names should be inscribed on a roll of honor.

There have been recent signs of the times that indicate the broadening scope and increasing prestige of MLA. Here are some of them: Awarding of first scholarship, 1958; Our Lura Currier elected to Presidency of Public Libraries Association, a Division of the ALA, 1958: First Handbook for Officers and Committees issued: Method and basis for making awards for distinguished library service set up and adopted by the Association, 1959; Association declared tax exempt so that contributions may be deducted from income taxes, 1959; Association sent first official delegate to American Association of Library Trustees at ALA meeting, 1959; Association was co-sponsor (with Library Commission) of first and second National Library Weeks: President acted as State Chairman for Librarians Commitee, 1958 and 1959: Association was represented on State Committee for White House Conference on Children and Youth and on

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No history can reveal all the labor and sacrifice that has brought the Mississippi Library Association to the half century mark of accomplishment. Many present members may not be on hand for the centennial celebration to come. But the retrospect of fifty years has indicated a worthwhile foundation for the younger generation to build upon. It has also revealed the Association's indebtedness to out-of-state talent, and other Associations, including the American Library Association, who have been very helpful.

It is self-evident that the new officers, elected in October, 1959, will face problems and opportunities as they lead the MLA into the coming half century that will warrant the support of every member in the interest of a great cause. The new officers are: Mrs. Mary Jo Magee, Assistant Librarian, Mississippi Southern College, President: Alan Gordon Skelton, Head of the Research Center Library of the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, President: Mable Young Gaston, Librarian of Greenville High School. Secretary: Mrs. Iola Magee, Head of the Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library, Treasurer.

\*Historical Committee: Nannie Rice, Anna Roberts, Elizabeth Robinson, Virginia C. Robinson.



This picture was taken during the 1955 convention in Biloxi. MLA members will again enjoy a fabulous Seafood Jamboree when they attend the convention in October at the beautiful Buena Vista hotel.

## MLA Convention To Be Held In Biloxi On October 27-29

Plans are now being finalized for the annual MLA convention on the beautiful Gulf Coast. The 1960 meeting will be held at the Buena Vista Hotel, October 27-29.

A fabulous Sea Food Jamboree will begin at 6:30 p.m. on opening day. Anyone who has attended a MLA meeting at the Buena Vista Hotel will remember delicious and varied selection of sea foods, hams, chicken, etc.

Two convention speakers are featured in this issue of MLN. They are Eleanor E. Ahlers, executive secretary of the American Association of School Librarians, and Dr. Leonard Oppenheim, Professor of Law and Supervisor of Law Library, Tulane University.

Miss Ahlers served as president of the Washington State School Library Association, 1950-51. She was a member of the Executive Board of the American Association of School Librabrians, 1953-55 and served as OLA's representative on the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career.

Dr. Opuenheim is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and the Order of the Coif, national honor legal fraternity. An authority on trusts and estates, Dr. Oppenheim has published numerous articles in law journals, bulletin, and the Tulane Law Review. He is also the author of a book on Louisiana Legal bibliography.

Jessamyn West, well known novelist and short story writer will be guest speaker at the book dinner which will begin at 7:30 p. m. Everyone can expect a lively and entertaining evening with Miss West discussing events in her life which helped her in her chosen field.

The Buena Vista Hotel offers accomodation in both the hotel and the new motel just across the street. Make your reservations early for the room of your choice.



Eleanor Ahlers



Dr. Leonard Oppenheim

MISISSIPPI LIBRARY NEWS

## **Around The Libraries**

#### FISK PUBLIC

The "Friends of the Library" under the presidency of Dr. Clifford Tillman are actively campaigning for a site for the library down town on city owned property. Dr. Tillman has spoken before various groups on behalf of the library's location and a news bulletin is issued to all members of the "Friends of the Library..." Weekly newspaper releases are written by the active publicity chairman.

The Progressive Study Club has again given the library money for phonograph records. We now have a collection of about 400 records and the circulation averages 200 a month. It

is a very popular service.

#### Northeast Regional

On March 4th the Northeast Regional Board placed an order for a new bookmobile, to be ready for delivery October 1st. It is a GMC truck, cab over engine, eighteen feet behind the driver's seat, completely modern in every detail, including air-conditioning. Gerstenslager will construct the body and it will carry half as many books again as the old bookmobile.

Most of the libraries in the Northeast Regional Labrary area will participate in the Smokey Bear Reading Club again this summer. A request for materials for a thousand boys and girls has been sent to the Forestry Commission. The Reading Club will start June 1st and end August 31st. The Ripley Library has planned a day's tour of all the branch libraries in the area for the winners in the Reading Club; the Civic Club of Ripley sponsors the reading program and will provide transportation for the tour.

#### PICAYUNE

Certificates were awarded to 217 fourth, fifth and sixth graders under the Reading Circle program of the Picayune public library with the cooperation of the city's elementary schools.

Mrs. Christine Cooper, chairman of the library trustees noted that more books were read during eight week

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program in 1960 than any other of the six years it has been in existence.

To be eligible for a certificate a student had to read and report to his teacher on at least eight books. The number of books read totaled 2829 with 428 students participating.

LEE COUNTY

In cooperation with the Lee County Mental Health Association and the Regional Mental Health Center, the Lee County Library sponsored a series of educational film-discussions during the spring with the meeting held at the library. Varying in approach, the programs follow: March 1, Film; "The Key." Discussant, Dr. Roland T. Toms of the University Medical Center. Mental illnesses, modern treatment, and hope for the future; April 5, Film: "Community Mental Health." Discussant, Miss Cooper Thompson of the Regional Mental Health Center. Story of new ways for mental health in a community: May 3, Film: "Mike Makes His Mark." Discussant, Miss Mary Joe Love, Counselor at Tupelo High School, value of counselor in working out problems and future of boys and girls.

The first Book Club for Negro women was organized in early January under the sponsorship of the A. M. Strange Negro Branch of the Lee County Library. The Club is composed of 18 members with Zaide Zuber as president. So enthusiastic are the members of this club that they plan to continue meeting during the summer months every two weeks.

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#### GRENADA COUNTY

Grenada County Library at long last is sponsoring a Great Books Discussion Group. About 25 people have expressed an interest. The first meeting was held on April 21 by Dr. G. D. Davis, Executive director of the Memphis Adult Education Center.

New magazine stacks have been made for the stack-room. The space between the shelves allows the boxed magazines to be shelved in an upright position. It is much easier on the back and much quicker to locate.

#### BOLIVAR COUNTY

Emphasis was given to National Cotton Week in the Bolivar County branch libraries and the bookmobiles during May with special bulletin board exhibits. The branch libraries are in Cleveland, Merigold, Shelby, Shaw, Gunnison and Rosedale.

In observance of the first anniversary of the opening of the Cleveland Public Library, the Community Art Club has its second annual art show in the library. Local florists contributed attractive arrangements for April, the anniversary month. J. M. Howorth showed his painting during May. At the end of the month the pictures, which are of local scenes were auctioned to the highest bidder, and 25 percent of the proceeds were donated to the library.

#### LINCOLN-LAWRENCE REGIONAL

"Music for You" was the subject of a series of meetings for adults sponsored by the Lawrence County Library during the months of February - April. E. C. Bufkin, Jr., of Monticello was leader for the listening-lecture-discussion sessions. Nineteen enrolled in the

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At the request of the elementary school teachers the Evans Memorial Library prepared displays which helped in teaching local history as required in social studies. More than 300 students were brought to the library by their teachers. The displays revolved around our county's Chickasaw Indian background along with references to De Soto, Bienville, de Vaudreuil and early Scottish settlers particularly Robert Gordon, town founder. Bookmarks were given each young visitor.



The Gulfport Carnegie-Harrison County Library was presented an autographed copy of "My Ten Years as a Counterspy" by the author, Boris Morros, when he stopped in Gulfport recently in interest of the moving picture "Man on a String" which has been made from the book.

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series with an average attendance of ten.

Children and young people are being invited by Bumpy, the bookworm to enjoy books from the libraries and bookmobile of Lincoln and Lawrence counties during the summer months. To earn a certificate each participant will read a minimum of ten books during the twelve weeks when the staff will be encouraging and promoting vacation reading.

#### HOLMES COUNTY

During National Garden Week, April 18th-23rd the Woman's Club of Durant displayed in the library, garden books, flower seeds, handy tools, and two lively arrangements which were changed daily by the chairman, Mrs. W. A. Henley.



Picayune newspaper editor, Chance Cole presents Ray G. Talcott with a year's subscription for becoming the 7550th borrower at the Picayune Public Library since the first of the year. Librarian, Mrs. C. G. Gates and assistant look on.

#### School Librarians Convene During MEA in Jackson

The Mississippi Association of School Librarians had its annual spring meeting during MEA on March 25, in

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the assembly room of the Jackson Municipal Library.

Miss Mary Love of the Library Commission, talked to the group about National Library Week.

Mrs. Frances Hardy, Meridian Junior College, Chairman of the Standards committee, discussed starting a program of implementation of the new standards for school library program. She told about obtaining information and copies of the standards, and she appointed a librarian from each SLAM Region to serve as chairman of that area in implementing these standards.

Stephen Clark, Brookhaven High School, SLAM advisor told of an award to be given by the Louisiana chapter of Special Librarians to the most outstanding student library assistants group in Mississippi. Mrs. Alan Skelton, Vicksburg, showed a plaque which would go to the winner of this award.

Miss Eleanor Drake, Peeples Junior High School, Jackson, Chairman of the Committee for Suggested Constitutional Revision, presented each



Mrs. Annis Duff

member with a copy of suggested changes to be voted on at the fall meeting at MLA.

Miss Ada McCaa Library Supervisor with the State Department of Education, reminded members to take advantage of the National Defense Education Act, The Traveling Science Library, Books on Exhibit, summer workshops, and the Recruitment Plan of the American Library Association.

The business meeting at the library was followed by a luncheon at which Mrs. Annis Duff, Executive Editor of Viking Junior Books spoke.

Mrs. Duff is a specialist in children's books and children's and young peoples' reading having lived all her life in the world of books. A former librarian, she is the mother of two reading children — the daughter a teacher and the son a college student. She is the successful author of "Bequest of Wings", "A Family's Pleasures with Books" and "Longer Flight" a Family Grows Up With Books", published by the Viking press.

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## MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Change term of office to one year. Article VI, section 1.

"The officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the M. E. A. to serve for one year.

Delete the naming of specific committees. Delete entire Article X.

Substitute new Article X as follows:

"Section 1. The president shall appoint such committees as he deems necessary."

"Section 2. The chairman of each committee shall make a written report of the activities of his committee for the secretary of this organization."

Delete entire Article XI, duties of committees.

Change numbering of following articles:

Article XII becomes Article XI.

Article XIII becomes Article XII.

Article XIV becomes Article XIII.

Article VI OFFICERS, Section 2-Delete phrase reading "with the chairman of standing committees."

The article would then read:

Section 2. The elected officers of this organization and the state supervisor of school libraries, shall constitute an Executive Board which shall transact routine business, fill all vacancies in office, recommend policies, and act for the organization in emergencies. It shall meet at some specificed time before each regular meeting and may be called together at other times by the president.

Article VIII Duties of officers, Section 2. Delete last sentence reading, "He shall serve as chairman of the program committee."

Insert sentence to read as follows:

"He shall be responsible for planning the program for the spring and fall meeting."

Article XIII Amendments. Add phrase "or sent to the membership at least one month prior to the meeting."

The article would then read:

"This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous meeting, or sent to the membership at least one month prior to the meeting."

#### NLW Activities In Schools Are Varied

Activities for National Library Week in schools throughout the state were so many and so varied it is impossible to mention all of them here.

Twenty-two schools reported activities including both school-community projects and in-school events.

Students in six schools served on local committees and 16 schools used NLW promotional aids.

Fourteen schools reported that activities were used to implement school library standards. These activities included: (1) student talks to outline the standards for Mississippi school libraries; (2) Ashland High School, land, played host to seven schools at a Spring meeting of Student Library Assistants of Mississippi, Region VIII. Offices were elected with 120 members present: (3) setting up of the junior and high school library. Improved materials in the junior and high school libraries and emphasized improvements needed in the elementary school; (4) tried to refresh and make library cleaner, more attractive; (5) purchased 20 new books; (6) gave short plays pertaining to books in chapel programs; (7)) train Library Assistants in the best way possible to improve and keep library up to state standards; (8) started central library for elementary school (9) invited librarians from surrounding section to make suggestions for improvement; (10) requested more room for the library so it may be properly organized (11) made posters and displays of books: (12) observed teacher education month in April, emphasizing recruitment of librarians; (13) talked with city commissioners, and superintendents of schools while vsiting library during National Library Week about how the library must grow to meet the new Standards; (14) emphasized Library Club activities; (15) Mrs. Ruth G. Martin, Booneville High School librarian had a radio program emphasizing standards during National Library Week; (16) purchased Discussion guide and Standards and referred outstanding discussion articles to Principal and Superintendent for attention; (17) talked to all classes on care and use of books; (18) Inez Allen, librarian, Pearl River Indian School, Philadelphia, had a world book representative to start Look It Up Clubs in the larger schools.

Among the 22 schools reporting inschool projects were the following activities: Prepared bulletin board displays; library club sponsored program entitled, "Librarians, Know World", with each person dressed to represent a different country; book game composed of 50 questions to be answered with book titles was played during homeroom; teachers and students were invited to name a favorite book during week preceding National Library Week. These books were then displayed in jackets throughout the library during NLW. In book pocket of each book was placed an endorsement

Information about books, NLW, was read over intercommunication system each day. School paper editorial, book reviews, films were also part of the NLW activities. Schools made maps and put in the library showing the public library situation in Mississippi. Many schools conducted essay contests, poster contests, and voted for favorite books and authors.

Several school libraries had "no fine week" and conducted campaigns to recover lost books.

Many other activities were carried out successfully. Both students and faculty enjoyed and profited from the increased interest in reading and books.

# STUDENT ASSISTANTS REPRESENT STATE AT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE





Linda Sellers

**David Peyton** 

David Peyton, a senior at H. V. Cooper High School, Vicksburg, and Linda Sellers, a junior of Brookhaven High School, were in Washington, D. C., March 27 - April 2, 1960, attending the White House Conference. David was invited by the American Association of School Librarians as a delegate chosen from the National level, while Linda was invited by the State Committee. David is the immediate past president of SLAM and plans to enter the University of Mississippi in the fall and begin his undergraduate training leading to a professional degree in library science. Linda is currently president of SLAM.

Linda reports to the Newsletter the following activities: In the four previous conferences 1919, 1930, 1940, and 1950 specific problems of children and youth were discussed: the Golden Anniversary White House Conference covered all problems of children and youth. The Conference opened with a welcoming address by President Eisenhower. The five theme assemblies centered around the topic: "Children and Youth, 1960": Appraising Ideals and Values in Their Changing World," on Monday, "Assessing the Impact on Them of Economic, Social and Cultural Fastors", on Tuesday, and "Adapting to Change and Innovation—The Effects on Them of Science, Thechnology, Population Pressures, and World Events," on Wednesday. Following the theme assemblies were eighteen forums whose focus each day was on "Surveying What We Do" and "Blueprint for the Future."

The last days were given to recommendations for improvements in all fields concerning children and youth and summaries of the accomplishments of the conference.

A National Symphony Orchestra concert and sightseeing tours were recreational features. A "Youth Priorities" meeting brought out such problems as segregation, parent-child relationships, and juvenile delinquency.

In answer to what the White House Conference meant to her, Linda states: "It has opened my eyes to the problems about me and made me understand why people react as they do under certain conditions. More than this, it has showed me what an important part the children and youth of the '60's will play in the future of this changing world. We must be prepared to face these great responsibilities, for the fate of our nation, and perhaps even our world, lies in our hands."

#### 600 NEW BOOKS EXHIBITED IN 13 SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Books on Exhibit has made possible the displaying of six hundred of the newest children's and young people's books in 13 schools throughout the state. Reports on this the first year Mississippi schools have participated show 1381 teachers and 47 librarians visiting the collection, 85 administrators, 2145 students and 198 parents. The following school systems participated: Hattiesburg, Meridian, Prentiss, Greenwood, Picayune, Biloxi, Stephen D. Lee School (Columbus), Columbia, Byhalia, Jackson, Gulfport, Tupelo and University High School (Oxford).

The books are publications having come off press within the past year, selected especially for children and young people. Since only 28 publishers participate, selectivity comes through allowing only those publishers of quality books to supply books for the exhibit.

The scheduling of these books is

done through the State Department of Education.

1960-1961 session will have two of these collections—600 books for elementary schools and 400 for high schools.

This furnishes opportunity for teachers, parents and children to examine the newest of the quality books being published. With better interpretation of the program and after one year's experience, it is hoped that more children will be attending the exhibit and helping in selection of books for their homes and their schools.

#### SLAM CONVENTION PLANNED

Stephen Clark, Brookhaven High School, SLAM advisor, met with members of his committee following the Library Section luncheon at MEA. Representatives of the different regions of SLAM will meet and discuss ways to strengthen the program.

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#### Books Strengthen Science Programs In State Schools

The American Association for the Advancement of Science lends to elementary and high school libraries a collection of 200 books to increase interest and knowledge in science. The books arrive in four sections and are circulated to students until the next group arrives. Then they are sent to another participating school. The program is designed to help the advanced student.

The high school program began in 1955-56 with loans to 66 senior high schools: in 1959-1960 about 1,700 schools in every state and territory participated. In the current session, The Traveling Elementary Science Library, is being loaned to approximately 800 schools.

Through the National Defense Education schools are permitted to purchase science, mathematics, and modern foreign language books with the Federal Government reimbursing

## School Section Standing Committees

Elementary Committee: Mary Ellen Guess, elementary librarian, Jackson Public Schools, chairman; Alberta Edmondson, elementary librarian, Jackson Public Schools; Mrs. Cora Edwards, Newton Elementary Schools.

Publicity Committee: Mrs. Douglas King, Raymond High School, chairman; Bernice Cox, Kosciusko High School.

Recruitment Committee: Stephen Clark, Brookhaven High School, chairman; Susie Bull, Columbus High School; Mae Rogers, Pascagoula High School; Alene Valentine, Ellisville High School.

50% of the cost. Many schools in Mississippi have participated thus strengthening the library offerings in these areas. In this the first year of the operation of the program funds have gone in many cases to providing equipment; now the focus turns to books and other materials.



Students Bill Gurley of Grenada (left) and James Simms of Pittsboro, student library assistant, admire the 1960 edition of the Encyclopedia Americana, recently acquired by the Wood Junior College Library through a gift of \$225 from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, an auxiliary of the Methodist Church at Grenada.



## The Professional Corner

The Historical Committee of the Southeastern Library Association has compiled and published a bibliography of graduate studies related to southern library development that has been accepted by institutions of higher education in the Southeast. This compilation is published in the Spring 1960 issue of Southeastern Librarian. The Editor "The various studies included have not been examined by the Committee members and no attempt at selectivity from the standpoint of merit or value exercised. Undoubtedly some appropriate studies have been omitted . . . the Committee feels, judging solely from their titles, that the studies listed in the bibliography may conceivably be of interest to some practicing librarian or some graduate student working on a thesis or seminar paper."

Miss Martha Couty, Reference and Acquisitions librarian on the staff of the Mississippi Library Commission, and Miss Fanny Taber, a former Commission staff member and now retired and residing in Montgomery, Alabama, served on the Southeastern's Historical Committee that completed the bibliography which was begun in 1952.

Fanny T. Taber, former assistant director of the Mississippi Library Commission, has written an article, "Reenlisting the Retired Librarians", in LJ, April 15, 1960, p. 1494.

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#### Sunflower Library Promotes Careers

On April 12, the Sunflower Junior College Library was the center for the first of an annual series of Science and Mathematics Worshops for Sunflower, Humphreys and Leflore Counties.

The morning of April 22 was devoted to a career program for college freshmen and the High School seniors. The Library Guidance File was a source of materials for the faculty members who headed the interest group meetings. Special speakers were Mary Crowley, Guidance Director for Leflore County Schools, and W. B. Horton, President of Sunflower Junior College, who stressed choosing and financing careers.

On April 26, when Sunflower Junior College Library was presented over Station WABG, Greenwood, Maurine McInnis spoke on resources of the library and introduced the student library assistants, Miss Jodie Ferguson described library assistant's work.

#### MSCW Library Club Has Annual Banquet

Social functions for the Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha at MSCW in-

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clude the annual banquet on May 5th; a feature program given by Miss Alice Cowart, who showed slides of the Brussel's World's fair, where she was an official guide; and a kitchen shower to furnish the Library Science Department's new facility for serving teas.

Several members have announced plans for the summer: Jimmie Lou Lyons will work in the McComb Library; Margie Hess at Hattiesburg; Freda McKee, Memphis Public; Dora Ann Marquez, Counselor at Camp Ocala, Florida; Amanda Bingham, typist in the Pentagon; Alice Cowart and Alice Stewart plan to marry after graduation.

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Roberts Memorial Library at Delta State College is proudly displaying the pen and ink illustrations for a book released by Macmillan in April because the pictures are the original work of Ellen Moore, sophomore elementary education major of Cleveland. The book of historical juvenile fiction, "I, Priscilla" is by Evelyn Allen Hammett, former English professor at Delta State. Here Ellen Moore explains the illustrations to Janet Sanford.

"How to Make Your Library Attractive" is demonstrated by Miss Billye Jean Lipe, (left) junior at Delta State College, from Boyle, and Miss Mabel Brister, assistant instructor of library science, as they arrange camellia blossoms on a white tree limb from McCarty's of Merigold.





To sell the library to 100 per cent of the Faculty and Administrators of Meridian Municipal Junior College is the purpose of the Annual Book Tea staged by librarians and student assistants. Faculty and Administrators visited the library in a body where books as well as refreshments were placed in their hands. The guests enjoyed handling the new books, attractively arranged in subject groups. Here Mrs. Frances Hardy, librarian, third from right, assists Curtis Ulmer (with beard) in his selection. Most male Meridianites were sporting beards during May in celebration of the city's Centennial.

#### Capital Area Regional Library Trustees Meet

#### NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO TRUSTEES BOARD

New members to the board of trustees have been named in Neshoba, Lee and Bolivar counties, and for the Fisk Library in Natchez.

Mrs. J. W. Allison has replaced Mrs. Susie Nelson on the Neshoba County Library Board. "Miss Susie" has moved to another county. Two other new members of the Board are Mrs. Jack Madison and Presley Snow.

Felix Black, Tupelo merchant who is active in civic, religious, and educational affairs, was recently appointed a member of the Lee County Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of L. G. Milam.

Black is Vice-President of the Community Development Foundation; Lay Leader of six counties in the Aberdeen District of the Methodist Church; Steward in St. Luke's Methodist Church, in which he is Chairman of the Commission on Education; past president of the Tupelo Lions Club.

The Fisk Library Board of Trustees has a new member, Mrs. Laurie Ratcliff, Routhlands, Natchez. The members are now Louis O. V. Thomas, President; Jason Kutack, Vice-President, S. J. Greer and Mrs. Ratcliffe. Kutack has spoken to the P.T.A.'s on behalf of the library. Mrs. H. B. Drane's place on the Board has not been filled.

At the organizational meeting of the Gunnison Library Board of Trustees, Bolivar County, Mrs. Ruth W. Bobo was elected chairman; Mrs. Lois Hood, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mary J. Snyder, Secretary.

The other members of the Board recently appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are Mrs. Elizabeth A. Alford and M. P. Creasy. Creasy was made chairman of a committee to investigate quarters available for a branch library in Gunnison for Negroes.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Capital Area Regional Library trustees was held in the Mims Wil-

#### Trustees' Section

liams Memorial Library, Magee, April 26. The local Library Board, composed of Mrs. Mims Mitchell, Mrs. Charlie Mangum, Mrs. Harry Brown, and C. J. Kees, all of Magee were co-hosts with W. L. Caughman, a Simpson County trustee of Capital Area Regional Library, at a barbecue supper. They were assisted by Miss Maud Turner and Mrs. Alice Smith, local librarian.

Mrs. Velma Taylor, director of Capital Area Regional Library, talked to the Magee Library Board on what is expected of them and discussed future plans for the Magee Library.

Mrs. Stephen Meisburg, Jackson. Chairman of Capital Area Regional Library Board, opened the meeting and Mrs. Marie Kennedy, Assistant Director of Capital Area Regional Library, offered the invocation. O. G. Idom of Forest, immediate past-president of the Capital Area Regional Library Board, was welcomed as a special guest of the meeting. Dan Fairley. Scott County, W. C. Scarborough, Simpson County, and W. L. Caughman Simpson County, attended. Mrs. Carroll Kennedy, Rankin County member and treasurer of the Board, was unable to attend because of illness.

The next meeting will be held in Forest. Meetings are held in different counties of the region in order that trustees may better understand the Capital Area Regional Library operation.

Men are most apt to believe what they least understand.

Michel De Montaigne

#### TRUSTEE PROFILES -

Mrs. Walker Jones is chairman of the Neshoba County Library Advisory Board and Chairman of the joint Library Boards of the Meridian-Neshoba County Library Service.

Lena Byrd Jones, daughter of Mary Gully Byrd and Adam Monroe Byrd, Sr., attended grammar school in Philadelphia and high school in Meridian; graduated from Mississippi State College for Women in 1923 where she was vice president of her class, president of the Civic League and active in all college extra-curricular. She was chosen Best All Around Student her senior year.

Because of her keen interest and capable leadership, Mrs. Jones has been called upon to serve in numerous civic activities in her hometown of Philadelphia. She was president of The Woman's Club, chairman of the Library Committee of the Twentieth Century Club when the County Library was begun in 1939 and served as chairman until the Neshoba County Library became tax supported in 1956. Her tenacity and enthusiasm were largely responsible for continuing the operation of the library during these years.

In January, 1960, she finished a ten year term on the Philadelphia Municipal Separate School District Board of Trustees. For six years she was secretary of this group.

She is active in the First Methodist Church of Philadelphia, having been on the Official Board of the Church for 25 years. She has served as chairman of many committees including Commission on Finance, Commission on Missions and the Church Library. She has been president of the Women's Society of Christian Service for two terms and has been elected president for 1960-61.

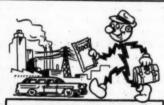
Past Secretary of Spiritual Life, she has taught many study courses and has served the District Woman's So-

#### MRS. WALKER JONES



Mrs. Walker Jones

ciety of Christian Service as vice-president and secretary of promotion in the Conference. In June she will become Chairman of Rural Work, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mississippi Conference. She has taught the Friendship Bible Class for Adult Women for 22 years.



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#### **Robert Neitzel Appointed Museum Curator**

Charlotte Capers, director of the Department of Archives and History, has announced the appointment of Robert S. Neitzel, former superintendent of Etowah Archealogical Area, Georgia Historical Commission, Cartersville, Georgia, as chief curator of the Old Capitol Museum.

Neitzel's appointment, approved by the Board of Trustees of the Department, is effective May 15.

His entire professional experience has been in southern history and archeology. Born in Nebraska and educated at the University of Nebraska, he has worked in the South since 1938. He has held historical, archeological and museum positions with the Louisiana Parks Commission, Louisiana State University, the Harvard University Lower Mississippi Valley Archeological Survey, the University of Georgia, where he was on contract with the Smithsonian Institution, and the State

Historical Commission of Georgia. Most recently he has developed an outstanding museum at Etowah Mounds,

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"We are most fortunate in securing the services of a man with Mr. Nietzel's unique talents at this stage in the development of our museum," said Miss Capers. "He is a professional museum administrator and a professional archeologist. When the architectural restoration of the Old Capitol is completed this summer, the construction of our permanent museum exhibits will begin. Mr. Neitzel will direct this construction, and will design and construct additional exhibits through-

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#### News Notes From Our Special Libraries

Special librarians from Mississippi attending the Medical Library Association's 59th Annual Meeting at Kansas City, Missouri, May 16-20, were Louise Williams, Irene Graham, and Anastasis Rosinki.

Mrs. Martha Howard of the V. A. Center, Jackson, has begun preparations for moving to new quarters in the new Veterans Administration Center. Mrs. Howard is busy weeding the book collection, for the space alloted the library in the new building is much less than it now occupies. However, accessibility to other services and more attractive quarters are expected to more than offset the loss of space.

The Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art in Laurel has a new heating and air-conditioning system. Nell Davis, Librarian and her staff are looking forward to a pleasant summer. Each year Lauren Rogers library offers to the people of our state the opportunity to view a number of excellent exhibits. This year the library had the honor of exhibiting the Fourth Hallmark International Art Award collection for three weeks beginning Easter Sunday. The forty-nine paintings shown by world renowned artists was enjoyed by visitors from as far as Vicksburg, Jackson, Hattiesburg, and Meridian. Laurel is the smallest city to have the show and the Lauren Rogers Library was the only place in the state.

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Neitzel is married, and has two children. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, The American Association of Museums, the Southeastern Museums Conference, and the Society for American Archeology. He is a former Board member of the Southeastern Museums Conference.

#### MARIE SPIVEY COMPLETES PROJECTS

The Louisiana Chapter of the Special Libraries Association can be justly proud of its Chairman of the Special Projects Committee — Marie Spivey. She has compiled and made a wide distribution of Louisiana Chapter Who's Who, 1959 — a very creditable accomplishment for the Chapter.

Marie has also had the Louisiana Chapter Bulletin bound. This is now a complete file, vol. 1-12, and will be held by the Chapter Archivist. Before binding the Bulletin, Marie indexed the latest volume and now the Bulletin is completely indexed.

Louise Williams, at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in May, was named chairman of the bylaws committee for the coming year.



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The Keesler Air Force Base Library followed National Library Week with a complete inventory of the Main Library and three branches and then began at once to work toward Armed Forces Day. The slogan "Power For Peace," the Library amended to read "Knowledge Is Power," and so utilized this annual military event as a follow-up to Library Week. Keesler personnel are very much interested in the acqui-

sition of knowledge, and thanks to the help of many Mississippi libraries, the Keesler staff has been able to supply through interlibrary loans almost all the requests for material needed for reports, papers, and thesis by its many borrowers enrolled in correspondence courses or in the extension courses offered in this area by the University of Mississippi, Mississippi Southern, and Perkinston.

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